

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 5, 1988, the Examiner rejected Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner indicated that the word "laser fiber" was deleted from this Claim, thereby rendering it indefinite. Applicant apologizes for this error and has amended Claim 31 to reinsert the word "laser fiber." It is believed that this amendment removes any indefiniteness problems with respect to Claim 31.

The Examiner rejected all of the pending claims (Claims 18-32) as well as the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to meet the written description requirement. Although Applicant does not agree with all of the Examiner's statements regarding this rejection, Applicant agrees that the term "waveguide" is not found in the specification, thus raising an issue with respect to the written description requirement of § 112. In response to the rejection, Applicant has deleted the term "waveguide" from the Claims and substituted therefor the term "optical fiber" which is used in the specification. It is believed that these amendments fully address any written description

problems under § 112, and, thus, Applicant believes that the Claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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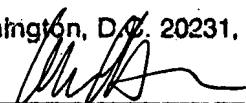
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